

January—February

2015



JANUARY & FEBRUARY HOLIDAYS

The Village Office and Library will be closed on Thursday, January 1, 2015. Both will also be closed on Monday, January 19, in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Office and Library will also be closed on Friday, February 13 in honor of Lincoln's Birthday and on Monday, February 16 for President's Day.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

"The Boxcars"

"The Boxcars" started with a very humble beginning due to the vision of many historical-minded residents. With just a couple of chairs and a few items brought from home, the Museum has grown into a collection that is respected both locally and internationally.

The Williamsville Historical Museum in "The Boxcars" will be closing at the first of the year. It will be open after that time only for inventory in preparation for the move to the new facility. If you have any questions regarding family artifacts, volunteers will likely be available on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

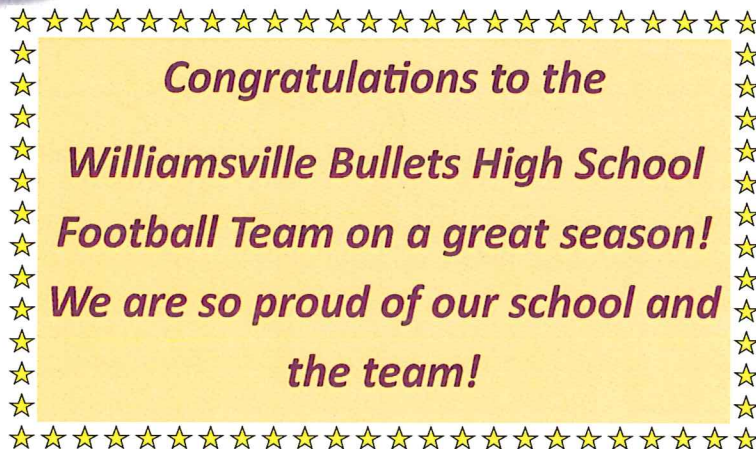
As we move forward into the next year, please be patient with us. We will still be at "The Boxcars" working. If you need to get in touch with us, please call Sarah Benner at 566-3870.

Santa Came to Williamsville....

The Williamsville Community Foundation would like to thank everyone who volunteered and/or participated in the "Santa" event at the Community Center on Saturday, December 6. Thanks to those who baked, sorted and delivered cookies; prepared and staffed the Breakfast; helped set up and tear down; and a special thanks to Nick Menke for the train display. Also, thank you to the Williamsville Fire Protection District for providing transportation for Santa and Mrs. Claus's trip around town!

A special thank you to everyone in the community who visited the Boxcar Museum's Open House during Santa's visit. The Open House was a big success with 60-80 visitors and the Museum volunteers made it a wonderful experience. Thanks!!

Thanks to the Garden Club for decorating the Boulevard and around town for the Holiday Season! Our town looks wonderful!



Williamsville Police Department Presents: Sarge's Teen Bench Competition

Who: Male and female teenagers aged 14-19 from all communities are eligible to compete. Registration form must be completed and submitted by January 9, 2015 and registration is limited to the first 100 completed/paid applications received. If too few register, the event will be postponed. There will be no registration on the day of the contest.

What: This is a "Raw" bench press contest. No bench shirts, compression clothing, or elbow wraps will be allowed. The top 3 male lifters in each weight class will receive placement trophies. The top 3 female lifters will receive placement trophies (open weight class). There will also be awards for Outstanding Bench Presser and Best Bench Press Lift to Bodyweight Ratio. Contest entry fee is \$5 and all competitors will receive a t-shirt.



When: January 31, 2015 (snow-date February 7)
Check-In/weight-in: 9:00 - 10:15 a.m.
Competitor meeting (Mandatory): 10:15—10:35 a.m.
Lifting begins after competitor meeting: 10:35 a.m.

Where: Williamsville Junior High School
500 S. Walnut Street,
Williamsville

For more information, please contact Sgt. Nathan Scott at (217) 361-5132 (cell), email sgt.nscott791@gmail.com, or visit the Village of Williamsville website at www.williamsville.illinois.gov.

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Please don't put holiday wrapping paper, bows and ribbons in the cardboard recycling bin behind the Police Station. Contact your waste hauler to check on recycling options...

Backyard Basics 2015

Mark your calendars now for Saturday, March 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. The Williamsville Public Library and Museum, the Williamsville Garden Club, and the Village of Williamsville will be hosting "Backyard Basics 2015" at the Community Center. This year's FREE workshop will include landscape design lessons from an expert horticulturist and strategies for attracting birds to your backyard. See you there!

Boo! On the Boulevard a Big Success!

The Williamsville Garden Club would like to thank everyone who attended and participated in the 2nd annual "Boo! On the Boulevard." We live in a wonderful and supportive community where friendly people and positive comments helped to create an awesome atmosphere and successful event. We are so grateful for you!

Special thanks to Jim Mergen for sparking excitement in the initial planning stages by opening his home for the haunted house and for his enthusiasm and help in bringing it to fruition. Thanks also go to the Village President and staff and the many, many individuals who donated time and resources towards the event. We are so grateful to the haunted house cast and crew — what a great time we had!

Did You Get a New Gadget for Christmas?

Stop by the library on Monday nights in January and February to learn more about Library on the Go (Overdrive) and 3M Cloud Library. The library subscribes to the two databases that can provide you with free e-books and audio books for your electronic devices (Phones, Tablets, E-readers and more). The Library director will help you download the apps and log into each database using your library card. What a fun and free way to read anywhere!

Williamsville Garden Club

The Williamsville Garden Club will hold their "New Year's Party" on Thursday evening, January 8, at 6:00 p.m. at Bella Trattoria. They are inviting any potential members to join them as they make plans for decorating our community in the new year. If you have a green thumb or just like to decorate the outdoors, please consider joining!

Please...no burning in the Village until March 1, 2015!

Water & Sewer Rate Increases in Williamsville

The Village Board has passed an ordinance to increase water rates for Williamsville and Sherman and sewer rates for Williamsville. The increase will show up on the February bills.

In March of 2014, City, Water, Light & Power Company increased the wholesale water rates by 20.17 percent and this increase is now being passed along to water customers in both Sherman and Williamsville. There will be a 10% increase in water rates for businesses and residents in Sherman and Williamsville. Additionally, due to rising costs associated with maintaining infrastructure and keeping the sewer lines in good working order, Williamsville residents will also have a sewer rate increase of 15%, which will show up on the February bill.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we move to implement these necessary rate increases. Please contact the Village Office with any questions. Thank you.

Do You Like to Knit or Crochet?

Join us at the Library once or twice a month on January 13 and 22, or February 10 and 26, starting at 12:30 p.m. to knit or crochet for our community. Lois Thompson and Dorothy Lugibill need your help to create items for Williamsville residents who are in need of our support. If your skills are a little rusty, it's not a problem -- our experts are on-hand to assist with a little refresher course. Don't have needles, hooks or yarn? This is also not a problem -- the Library has plenty of yarn, hooks, and needles available for your use. If you would like to help but are not available in the afternoon, please call the Library (566-3520) and the ladies will consider scheduling evening sessions.

History of the Village of Williamsville books are now available at the Village Office for \$3.00 each. Pick yours up today!

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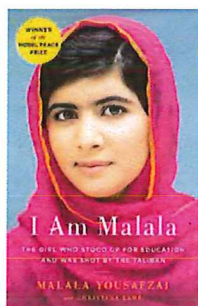


The "New" Williamsville Public Library and Museum

Much progress is being made on the new facility! The architect is working with us to put together the documents so that we can begin the bidding process. A Collection Committee has been formed to help with the inventory and recordkeeping that must be completed before the museum items can be moved to the new building. The museum is now closed to the public to help facilitate this. In addition, an Interior Design Committee and a Landscape Committee have been formed to help plan the inside and outside of the new facility.

We always welcome any input from local residents on the new facility. If you're interested, please attend the next Transition Team meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Williamsville Community Center or stop by the library during normal hours to review the floor plan and see the exterior drawings. More items will be on display at the Library as decisions are made. We look forward to breaking ground in late spring 2015.

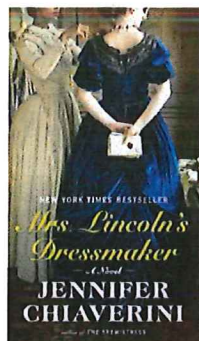
Volunteers will be a huge part of the transition to the new facility. Committee members have already put in countless hours in the museum alone. One of our local volunteers, Ross Taft, was recently named our first "Williamsville Scholar" at the December 8 Village Board meeting. Ross is a May 2014 graduate of Illinois State University with a degree in History and a focus on Library Science. He will continue his education by pursuing a Master's Degree in Library Science at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. We wish Ross luck as he begins a new chapter in his academic career. The Williamsville Public Library will interview college students for a new scholar before construction is completed on the new facility.



Library Book Club

Join us on Sunday, January 11, at the AMC Theater to enjoy "Wild" based upon the Cheryl Strayed novel with the same name. (Please contact the Library for details when it gets closer to the date.) Then meet us at the Library at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 29, to discuss "I am Malala" by Malala Yousafzai, Winner of the Noble Peace Prize. When the

Taliban took control of the Swat Valley, one girl spoke out. Malala Yousafzai refused to be silenced and fought for her right to an education. On Tuesday, October 9, 2012, she almost paid the ultimate price when she was shot in the head at point blank range while riding the bus home from school. Few expected her to survive but, instead, Malala's miraculous recovery has taken her on an extraordinary journey. Lively discussion will continue on February 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the library when we will examine "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker" by Jennifer Chiaverini. This historical novel unveils the private lives of Abraham and Mary Lincoln through the perspective of the First Lady's most trusted confidante and friend, her dressmaker, Elizabeth Keckley. In a life that spanned nearly a century and witnessed some of the most momentous events in American history, Elizabeth Hobbs Keckley was born a slave and earned her freedom. Please consider joining the Book Club for these events – it's a great way to get back into the habit of reading!



Library Director, Jean Forness, Ross Taft, Village President Tom Yokley

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

It's not too late to join our program where children under the age of four hear 1,000 books before they start kindergarten. Anyone can read to them -- parents, grandparents, siblings, day care providers, or even preschool teachers. They can hear any book and it doesn't have to be a library book. Although 1,000 books seems like a huge number, if you read just one book a night before bed, the program is completed in just under three years. If you read three books a day, the program is completed in a year. The child receives a reading incentive prize after every 25 books and a book is given out at each 100 book achievement. When you've completed the program, your child has started his/her own library! The benefits to the child are numerous, including a better vocabulary and more focus on their teachers. So, please sign-up at the Library and start reading!

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Williamsville Volunteer Fire Department

Chief: Brian Mendenhall

Assistant Chief: Scott Gaddy

The WVFD is staffed by dedicated men and women of the community who respond 24/7, 365 days a year to fire, medical and other emergencies. Meetings are held every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in becoming a member of our team, call us at 566-3311 or visit us at one of our meetings.

Chief's Note

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Thank you for your support this past year. To help cure cabin fever, we will be holding a Chili Supper on Saturday, February 21. Hope you will join us!

Volunteer Recruiting

The Fire Department is interested in recruiting people available during the day who would like to join the Department but who work nights or are otherwise unavailable during our regular Thursday meetings. Training, uniforms, protective gear and the opportunity to help your neighbors will be provided to new members. If you would like more information please call 566-3311.

Safety Tip: Home Heating Safety

Heating equipment is a leading cause of home fire deaths. Half of home heating equipment fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February. Some simple steps can prevent most heating-related fires from happening.

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.

Save the Date:

Saturday, February 21

Chili Supper at the Firehouse!

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Williamsville Community Calendar

January

- January 1 Village Office and Library Closed — Happy New Year!
- January 4 4H Meeting, Community Center 5-8 p.m.
- January 5 Woodcarvers in Community Center 7:00 — 9:00 p.m.
- January 5 Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 6 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- January 6 Senior Lunch at WUMC—12 Noon
- January 6 6:00 p.m. Garden Club "New Year's Party" at Bella Trattoria
- January 6 Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 8 Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m. Community Center
- January 10 Jr. High Dance 7:00 — 10:00 p.m. at Community Center
- January 11 Book Club Goes to the Movies
- January 12 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 13 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- January 13 Knit/Crochet 12:30 p.m. at the Library
- January 19 Village Office and Library Closed
- January 20 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- January 20 Transition Team Meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center
- January 22 Knit/Crochet 12:30 p.m. at the Library
- January 26 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- January 27 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- January 29 Book Club 7:00 p.m. at the Library — "I am Malala"

February

- February 1 4H Meeting, Community Center 5-8 p.m.
- February 2 Foundation Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 3 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- February 3 Senior Lunch Noon at WUMC
- February 3 Woodcarvers in Community Center 7:00 — 9:00 p.m.
- February 3 Library Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 9 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 10 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- February 10 Knit/Crochet 12:30 p.m. at the Library
- February 12 Quarter Auction 6:30 p.m. Community Center
- February 13 Village Office and Library Closed for Lincoln's Birthday
- February 14 Jr. High Dance—7:00—10:00 p.m. at Community Center
- February 16 Village Office and Library Closed for President's Day
- February 17 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- February 18 Woodcarvers in Community Center All Day
- February 21 WVFD Chili Supper
- February 23 Village Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- February 24 Coffee Hour 10:00 a.m. at the Library
- February 26 Knit/Crochet 12:30 p.m. at the Library
- February 26 Book Club 7:00 p.m. at the Library — "Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker"

Save the Date!

Backyard Basics

Saturday, March 21



Save the Date!

Easter Egg Hunt

At the Park

Saturday, March 28



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VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

The regular semi-monthly meetings are scheduled for the second and fourth Monday of each month and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall. The public is always encouraged to attend. Special board meetings and committee meetings are scheduled as needed. Dates and agendas for all meetings are posted on the board near the door of the Village Hall and may also be reviewed on the Village website.

Approved Minutes and Agendas

may be viewed at the Village Office or the website at

www.williamsville.illinois.gov

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7:30-11:30 am

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Monday-Friday

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